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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 19 December 1968

The Director was on leave. DDCI was in the chair.

X1 ADD/I advised that the Task Force [] report is negative.

D/ONE informed that the only known footnote pertaining to today's two Estimates is by DIA to the Arab Estimate and merely draws attention to a forthcoming handbook on the disposition of Arab-Israeli military forces.

DD/S advised that he has just learned of a request from the Lyndon B. Johnson Library people for twenty safes and a vault door for the Texas Library. He said he will confirm the request and ensure that it was made at the appropriate level.

Carver drew attention to a cable from Saigon pointing out that there could still be serious military action in the Saigon area between now and the Christmas truce.

Carver noted that the North Vietnamese and NLF are exploiting allied disarray in Vietnam and Paris by undertaking political action and psychological warfare designed to establish the NLF as an independent negotiating force. He mentioned as an example the call by the NLF for direct talks with the United States on the release of American prisoners.

Maury advised that yesterday's budget preview session with Messrs. Woodruff and Michaels went quite well.

X1 Maury advised that [] will be briefing George Murphy again today on NATO security cases.

Bross reported that [] will be spending time today with General Maxwell Taylor and Dr. Baker on progress in the information handling field.

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[redacted] indicated that CBS is planning an interview show with Francis Gary Powers and has asked CIA to participate or provide guidance. DDCI vetoed participation [redacted]

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*DDCI suggested that the Deputies and other principal senior officers keep track of items which should be brought to the Director's attention upon his return and forward same to the DDCI in early January.

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*Extracted and sent to action officer

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